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For

TEXTURED SURFACE OF A TISSUE FORMING FABRIC

TO GENERATE BULK, CROSS DIRECTIONAL TENSILE, ABSORBENCY, AND SOFTNESS IN A SHEET OF PAPER

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above referenced patent application, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows: